

## Volume XII – E-Filing Reference Guide for I-821

### Purpose

The purpose of this section is to highlight key aspects of the I-821 E-Filing module for prospective applicants who wish to E-File an Application for Temporary Protected Status (Form I-821). The following screenshots provide a preview of the I-821 E-Filing Form and can be used as a reference to prepare for E-Filing the I-821 application.

In this document the following topics will be addressed:

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### I-821 E-Filing Eligibility

E-Filing is not available for all applicants. There are a number of situations where you must continue to use the paper-based process in order to properly file your petition.

You are NOT eligible to E-File the I-821 if:

- If you live outside of the U.S., Guam, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- You are re-registering for TPS after the re-registration period published in the Federal Register;
- You are applying for late initial;
- You are applying for a waiver of the filing fee; or
- You are requesting your case to be expedited.

### Parts of the I-821 E-Filed Application

In Part 1 of the I-821, you will be asked if you are applying for an initial, re-registration, or late initial/re-registration TPS application. You must select either initial registration or re-registration and provide an answer to the question regarding whether or not you're filing for late initial or late re-registration.

- At this time, initial applications and late initial/late re-registration applications are not available to be E-Filed. However, these TPS categories can be filed in paper through the mail according to USCIS procedures.



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In Part 1, you will also be asked to answer questions regarding your age at the time of initial registration and whether or not you were fingerprinted for this initial TPS benefit.

Form I-821 Part 1: Age at Initial TPS Registration | I-821 | BCIS - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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address http://efiling716060/efile/InteractionMgr/efForms\_strict.asp=1099414741234

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**Part 1. Age at Initial Registration (check one)**

In order to electronically process your application, you must provide information for the items marked \* below.

Was the applicant under the age of 14 at initial registration for Temporary Protected Status? \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

If the answer to the above question was Yes, provide information for the following question.

Has the applicant been fingerprinted for this benefit subsequent to his or her initial TPS filing? \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

[Back](#) [Cancel](#) [Continue](#)

Please read our [Secure Site Statement](#).

For assistance or questions regarding this form, please call our National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 (TDD 1-800-767-1833).

In Part 2, you will be asked to provide personal information.

**It is required that you enter either your Country of Citizenship or Country of Residence**

State/Country:

Country of Residence:

Country of Citizenship/Nationality:

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

Other Names Used (including maiden name):

Last First Middle

Last First Middle

In Part 3, you will be asked to provide your spouse's and children's information, if applicable.

- If you are applying for TPS benefits for more than four children, input four of your children's information in the text boxes provided and use a sheet of paper to write down the information for your children not documented in the text boxes. You will send this in as part of your supporting documentation.

(Example – You have six children. Input four of your children's information in the E-Filing System and two of your children's information on a separate sheet of paper.)

In Part 4, you will be prompted to answer questions to determine if you qualify for TPS benefits.

- Select the TPS country for which you are applying
- Select "Yes" or "No" for all questions listed

## Part 4. Eligibility Standards

In order to electronically process your application, you must provide information for the items marked \* below.

## 1. Fill in the necessary information:

I am a national of, or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in the foreign state: \*

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and I entered the United States on:  /  /

MM DD YYYY

and I have resided in the United States since that time.

2. To be eligible for Temporary Protected Status, you must be admissible to the United States, with certain exceptions. Do any of the following apply to you?

a. have you been convicted of any felony or two or more misdemeanors committed in the United States;

b. (i) have you ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in the persecution of any person on account of race, religion, membership in a particular social group or political opinion;

(ii) have you been convicted of a final judgement of a particularly serious crime, constituting danger to the community of the United States (an alien convicted of an aggravated felony is considered to have committed a particularly serious crime);

(iii) have you been convicted of a serious nonpolitical crime outside of the United States;

**Only TPS countries currently open for re-registration will be listed in the drop down box**

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- If you answer “yes” to any of the Eligibility Standards questions in Part 4, you will be asked to provide an explanation on a separate sheet of paper. You will send this explanation sheet as part of your supporting documentation.

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Part 4. Eligibility Standards

If any of the statements below apply to you, indicate which one(s) by numbered reference on the line below (for example, “2k”) and include a full explanation on a separate sheet(s) of paper. If you were ever arrested, you should provide the disposition (outcome) of the arrest (for example, “case dismissed”) from the appropriate authority.

This is what you selected Yes to in 4.a. to 4.o.:

**When providing explanations on a separate sheet of paper, label the explanations by the numbered references**

PLEASE NOTE: If you placed any of the following may be eligible for a waiver of the grounds described in 2i, 2m; 2n or 2o. The I-601 or I-724 are BCIS forms available at local BCIS offices or by calling the BCIS toll-free number.

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## I-821 and Concurrent E-Filing

- The I-821 must always be filed concurrently with an I-765. The E-Filing system will automatically generate an I-765 for completion after an I-821 is filled out.
- An I-131 cannot be concurrently E-Filed with an I-821 and its accompanying I-765. If you wish to E-File an I-131 application, you may do so as a stand-alone E-Filed application, once you have successfully submitted your I-821 and concurrently filed I-765 applications.
- If you choose not to receive an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), you are still required to concurrently E-File the I-765 but you will not be charged for the application fee.

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End of I-821 Form

You have reached the end of the I-821 form.

You are required to complete an I-765 Form, select **Continue** which takes you to the I-765 form.

If you would like to review information entered in this form, select **Back** to navigate through the form.

To cancel and exit this e-filing process, select **Cancel**.

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**Once you complete an I-821 you will be required to complete an I-765**

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Form Checklist

**Note:** There are still suggested fields not completed on the following forms:  
I-821 - Bayes, Toni

Below is the fee/fees for all forms currently in your application.

Form	Description	Fee
I-821 - Bayes, Toni	I-821 Application Fee	\$ 50.00
I-821 - Bayes, Toni	Fingerprint Fee	\$ 50.00
I-765 - Bayes, Toni	I-765 Application Fee	\$ 120.00
<b>Total due from filer:</b>		<b>\$220.00</b>

I-821 - Bayes, Toni

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I-765 - Bayes, Toni

**Add New Form** by selecting Add followed by the form number.  
**Review or Edit a Form** by selecting the hyperlinked form number.  
**Delete a Form or Forms** by selecting the checkbox for a form, or by selecting multiple boxes for more than one form, then selecting the Delete Form button. **Note:** if you delete a form that has any associated forms, those forms will also be deleted.  
**Certify Forms** by selecting the Certify Forms button if the information in all the forms is correct.

Delete Form Cancel Certify Forms

**The I-765 will now appear in your My Forms Page**

## Supporting Documentation for the I-821

Supporting documentation for the E-Filed I-821 is similar to that needed for the paper based I-821 application. Review I-821 paper form instructions to determine what copies of documents may need to be submitted.

Please note that for the E-Filed I-821:

- If you have requested an EAD, you will need to have your biometrics captured by USCIS.
- If you have not requested an EAD, you should submit hardcopy photos.
- If applicable, submit the Eligibility Standards explanation sheet.

## I-821 Mailing Addresses for Supporting Documentation

You will find the mailing address for your supporting documentation on your Confirmation Receipt page.

If you received an error and/or were unable to save and/or print the PDF version of your petition and confirmation receipt notice, you will need to follow the procedures below:

1. Wait to receive the official receipt notice (Form I-797) in the mail;
2. Note the receipt number on the I-797; and
3. Mail the supporting documentation to the appropriate address below, if the petition is a non-premium processing case.
  - Include a cover letter referencing your receipt number and clearly state that the supporting documentation is for an E-Filed application.

IF...	THEN ...
Your petition receipt number begins with “ <b>WAC</b> ”	<b>Send supporting documentation to:</b> California Service Center ATTN: E-Filing TPS P.O. Box 10821 Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0821
Your petition receipt number begins with “ <b>LIN</b> ”	<b>Send supporting documentation to:</b> Nebraska Service Center ATTN: E-Filed I-821 P.O. Box 87373 Lincoln, NE 68501-7373
Your petition receipt number begins with “ <b>SRC</b> ”	<b>Send supporting documentation to:</b> Texas Service Center ATTN: E-Filed I-821 P.O. Box 852381 Mesquite, TX 75185-2381
Your petition receipt number begins with “ <b>EAC</b> ”	<b>Send supporting documentation to:</b> Vermont Service Center ATTN: TPS 75 Lower Welden Street St. Albans, VT 05479